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In re Patent Application of:  
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Art Unit: 1638

For: A METHOD FOR IMPROVING PLANT  
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**REQUEST FOR REFUND**  
**(IMPROPER CHARGE OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT)**

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Sir:

I. REFUND REQUEST

This is a request for a refund with respect to the charge to Deposit Account 02-2448 shown on the statement for the month of September 2008 for the above-identified

☒ application

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☒ A copy of the monthly statement in which the error referred to occurs, accompanies this request.

## II. FEES CHARGED FOR WHICH REFUND REQUESTED

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TOTAL REFUND REQUESTED \$180

III. EXPLANATION OF WHY CONTESTED CHARGE IS IN ERROR

The Information Disclosure Statement Fee was paid on September 23, 2008 by Applicants (and charged to Deposit Account 02-2448 on September 24, 2008). However, Applicants note that a first action on the merits has not yet been issued with respect to the above-identified application. Therefore, before a first action on the merits, the \$180 is not necessary for filing an Information Disclosure Statement.

IV. MANNER OF REFUND

Please make refund by crediting Account No. 02-2448.

We respectfully request that the attached copy of this letter be returned to us with an indication that the credit has been processed.

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